

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

*In re:*

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND  
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, *et al.*,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

PROMESA Title III  
Case No. 17-BK-3283 (LTS)

(Jointly Administered)

**APPLICATION AND ORDER  
FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE***

**TO THE HONORABLE COURT:**

COMES NOW, Stephen A. Best, applicant herein, and pursuant to L. Civ. R. 83A (f) of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, states as follows:

1. Applicant is a partner at the law firm Brown Rudnick LLP, 601 Thirteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005; telephone number (202) 536-1700.
2. Applicant will sign all pleadings with the name “Stephen A. Best”.
3. Applicant will act as Claims Counsel for The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, acting through its Special Claims Committee, and provide

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor’s respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ( “COFINA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ( “HTA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ( “ERS”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); and (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ( “PREPA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747).

legal representation in connection with the above-styled matters pending before the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

4. Since 1989, applicant has been and presently is a member in good standing of the bar of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Applicant's Virginia bar license number is 30215. Since 1991, Applicant has also been and presently is a member in good standing of the bar of the District of Columbia. Applicant's District of Columbia bar license number is 428447.

5. Applicant has been admitted to practice before the following courts:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Admission Date</b>
Commonwealth of Virginia Bar	October 12, 1989
District of Columbia Bar	May 6, 1991
United States Supreme Court	January 10, 1994
United States District Court for the District of Columbia	February 6, 1995
District of Columbia Court of Appeals	October 31, 2014
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia	May 14, 1998
Virginia Supreme Court	October 30, 2014
Second Circuit Court of Appeals	February 19, 2015
Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals	November 10, 2009
Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals	August 27, 2015
United States District Court for the District of Colorado	October 1, 2018
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois General Bar and Trial Bar	October 27, 2017

6. Applicant is not currently suspended from the practice of law before any court or jurisdiction.

7. Applicant is not currently the subject of any complaint for unethical conduct, disciplinary proceeding or criminal proceeding before any court or jurisdiction.

8. Local counsel of record associated with applicant in this matter is:

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9. Applicant has read the Local Rules of this court and will comply with same.

10. Applicant has read the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, which provide in part that attorneys appearing *pro hac vice* must comply with the provisions set forth therein and pay an admission fee of \$300.00 per appearance in each new case before the Court. Accordingly, payment of the *pro hac vice* admission fee will be paid in the form of a check or money order payable to: "Clerk, U.S. District Court."

**CERTIFICATE:** I hereby certify that on this date, we electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notice electronically to all counsel of record, and will provide hard copies to the Court and United States Trustee as soon as practical after the filing of the foregoing, consistent with the Court's October 22, 2018 Seventh Amended Case Management Order. *See* Docket No. 4086-1.

**WHEREFORE**, applicant respectfully requests to be admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico for the above-styled case only.

Date: January 10, 2019

By: /s/ Stephen A. Best  
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We hereby certify, pursuant to USDC Local Rule 83A(f), that we consent to the designation of local counsel for all purposes.

Date: January 10, 2019

By: /s/ ALBERTO G. ESTRELLA

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**ORDER**

The Court, having considered the above Application for Admission *Pro Hac Vice*, orders that:

- ☐ the application be granted. The Clerk of Court shall deposit the admission fee to the account of Non-Appropriated Funds of this Court.
- ☐ the application be denied. The Clerk of Court shall return the admission fee to the applicant.

**SO ORDERED.**

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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U.S. District Judge

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